DETAILED ACTION

1.   This office correspondence is response to the applicant's amendment filed on July 17,

2009. The examiner withdraws 35 U.S.C. 112 second paragraphs as necessary corrections were

made to the claims.

2.   Claims 1-20 are pending.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

3.   An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or

additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR

1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the

payment of the issue fee.

        Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with

Michael E. Belk (registration no. 33,357) on 01/15/2010. The application has been amended as

follows:

Claim 1 (Currently amended) A system, comprising:

        a rendering apparatus;

        a server; and

        a network to enable communication between the rendering apparatus and the server;

        wherein the server provides access to server content that includes separately accessible

content server items identified by respective server content locators;

        wherein the rendering apparatus provides access to local content wherein titles of the

local content are associated with respective local content identifiers;

wherein the rendering apparatus ~~is operative to render~~ renders local content items of the

local content and ~~to render~~ renders server content items that relate to the local content items;

wherein the system ~~is operative to generate and to store~~ generates and stores a list of

bookmarks, wherein each bookmark in the list of bookmarks includes a server content locator

and a local content identifier to link a local content item to a related server content item; and

wherein the rendering apparatus ~~is operative to present~~ presents the stored list of

bookmarks to a user and renders both a server content item indicated by the server content

locator of a user-selected bookmark in synchronization ~~conditional on~~ with having access to a

local content title associated with the local content identifier of the user-selected bookmark,

wherein if there is no access to the local content title, the server content item can not be

rendered;

wherein a bookmark is selectable only if the rendering apparatus has access to a local

content title associated with the local content identifier of the bookmark and wherein access to

the local content is determined based on a comparison with a hash of statistically unique data of

the local content title.

Claim 3 (cancelled)

Claim 5 (cancelled)

Claim 6 (currently amended) The system as claimed in claim [[5]] 1, wherein separately

accessible items of the local content are identified by respective local content locators, wherein

the bookmark-includes a local content locator enabling starting the rendering of the local content

title at a location indicated by the local content locator

Claim 18 (Currently amended) A method of generating a bookmark to content in a server

accessible through a network, the method comprising acts of:

retrieving, using a processor, a local content identifier associated with a title of a local

content item that accessible for rendering by a rendering apparatus local to the local content

item;

retrieving a server content locator identifying a separately accessible server content item

that is related to the local content title;

generating and storing a new bookmark in a list of bookmarks to link the local content

item to the related server content item, wherein the new bookmark includes the retrieved server

content locator and corresponding local content identifier; and

presenting the list of bookmarks to a user and renders both a server content item indicated

by the server content locator of a user-selected bookmark in synchronization with having access

to a local content title associated with the local content identifier of the user-selected bookmark,

wherein if a bookmark on the list of bookmarks is not selectable, the bookmark is presented

grayed to indicate that it is not selectable;

wherein a bookmark is selectable only if the rendering apparatus has access to a local

content title associated with the local content identifier of the bookmark and wherein access to

the local content is determined based on a comparison with a hash of statistically unique data of

the local content title.

Claim 19 (Currently amended) A method of accessing content in a server accessible through a

network; the method including acts of:

presenting, using a processor, a list of bookmarks to a user enabling user- selection of one

or more bookmarks in the presented list of bookmarks, wherein each bookmark in the list of

bookmarks includes a local content identifier associated with a local content title of a local

content item accessible for rendering by a rendering apparatus local to the local content item, and

a server content locator identifying a separately accessible server content item that is related to

the local content title of the local content item; and

in response to a user-selected bookmark in the presented list of bookmarks, rendering a

server content item indicated by the server content locator of the user-selected bookmark

conditional on having access to the local content title associated with the local content identifier

of the user-selected bookmark in synchronization with having access to a local content title

associated with the local content identifier of the user-selected bookmark, wherein if there is no

access to the local content title, the server content item can not be rendered;

wherein a bookmark is selectable only if the rendering apparatus has access to a local content

title associated with the local content identifier of the bookmark and wherein access to the local

content is determined based on a comparison with a hash of statistically unique data of the local

content title.

Claim 20 (Currently amended) A computer readable memory medium comprising program

instructions stored thereon, which are executable by a processor to cause the processor to:

present a list of bookmarks to a user enabling user-selection of one or more bookmarks in

the presented list of bookmarks, wherein each bookmark in the list of bookmarks includes a local

content identifier associated with a local content title of a local content item accessible for

rendering by a rendering apparatus local to the local content item, and a server content locator

identifying a separately accessible server content item that is related to the local content title of

the local content item; and

in response to a user-selected bookmark in the presented list of bookmarks, render a

server content item indicated by the server content locator of the user-selected bookmark

conditional on having access to the local content title associated with the local content identifier

of the user-selected bookmark <u>in synchronization with having access to a local content title</u>

<u>associated with the local content identifier of the user-selected bookmark,</u> wherein if there is no

access to the local content title, the server content item can not be rendered;

<u>wherein a bookmark is selectable only if the rendering apparatus has access to a local</u>

<u>content title associated with the local content identifier of the bookmark and wherein access to</u>

<u>the local content is determined based on a comparison with a hash of statistically unique data of</u>

<u>the local content title.</u>

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

4.   Claims 1-2, 4, 6-20 are allowed. The prior art of record does not teach neither

individually nor in combination the claimed limitations of: "wherein the rendering apparatus

presents the stored list of bookmarks to a user and renders both a server content item indicated

by the server content locator of a user-selected bookmark in synchronization with having access

to a local content title associated with the local content identifier of the user-selected bookmark,

wherein if there is no access to the local content title, the server content item can not be

rendered; wherein a bookmark is selectable only if the rendering apparatus has access to a local

content title associated with the local content identifier of the bookmark and wherein access to

the local content is determined based on a comparison with a hash of statistically unique data of the local content title" as in claims 1-2, 4, 6-20.

5.   Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

CORRESPONDANCE INFORMATION

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to FARZANA HUQ whose telephone number is (571)270-3223. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday: 7:30am - 5:00pm EST.

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